



## **NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES BEVERLY HILLS COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors 28 May 2016**

The Meeting of the Beverly Hills Council's Board of Directors was held on Saturday, 28 May 2016 at the Los Angeles home of president emeritus, Ron Dutton. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

In attendance were: Raphael Magana, president, Marilyn Allaire, Treasurer, Ron Dutton, president emeritus, Michael Poles, webmaster, and directors Linda Poles, Chris McEntee, and Melanie Chavez.

There was no reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marilyn Allaire reported on the state of the Council's checking account and all was satisfactory.

**Sponsored Commands:** Ron Dutton reported that Michael and Linda Poles represented the Council at the Decommissioning Ceremony of the Coast Guard's Air Station Los Angeles on May 20. Ron also mentioned that although now Decommissioned, their Command requested our support for their last awards...the Perchard and Russell Awards...on June 5. Ron and Chris McEntee will make those presentations.

The HALIBUT Command, not able to support our Cruise to Catalina on June 4, has reset the date for that event to Saturday, August 13.

Michael Poles reported that the Council's Sea Cadet unit, the SS Lane Victory Division, has been in touch with him and has updated for our website all its latest activities. They also proudly announced that one of their graduates... both from the program and his high school.. has been accepted into the Naval Academy at Annapolis...for the Fall Term.

Having to be away on business, Rafael's wife, Shalini, represented the Council in presenting the Sword Award to MIDN 1/C Ryan Rodriguez at the Annual Midshipman's Ball at UCLA on May 3. The Board thanked the Magana's for their generosity in donating the money for the purchase of the sword.

Ron also announced that a former Naval Sea Cadet from the SS Lane Victory Division (Then Harry E. Hubbard Div.) now CAPT. Michael Sparks, USN, has just assumed command as Commander, Navy Expeditionary Warfighting Development Center.

The Board also decided to try to reconnect with the submarine HAMPTON, which the Council adopted about three years ago, but hasn't heard from, despite repeated efforts, for about 18 months. Ron said he'd try once again. He did caution though that our sponsoring that command can cost around \$600. a year.

Webmaster's Report: Michael Poles reported that he has now brought up to date the Council's "Established/history" website.. [www.bevhillsnavleague.org](http://www.bevhillsnavleague.org). He implored that we need to do a lot better in getting the word out.. such as the Midshipman's Ball.. of events and any activities right away on both websites, plus a 'blast' on the emails to the membership so that all Board and general membership may be made aware.

Regarding the websites' Calendars, in answer to a question about posting "invitation only" events, such as the Coast Guard's Decommissioning Ceremony, Ron said it was ok to post Invitation only events as long as "By invitation only" was made clear.

Michael also pointed out that the Council's new "Administrative" website, [www.beverlyhillsnavyleague.org](http://www.beverlyhillsnavyleague.org)...Home Page is virtually identical to the National Navy League's Home Page.. and suggested that this could be confusing and urged Rafael (who oversees it) to redesign it).

There was discussion at length regarding the two websites, the interrelation of them, infrastructure, etc. Chris McEntee has a friend who has volunteered to monitor both of them and keep them up to date. As there was some reluctance expressed by Michael, a meeting with Michael, Rafael, Melanie, and Chris and friend at Michael's home was set for Saturday, June 11 to further explore this issue.

Events: August 13 the Cruise to Catalina is set (barring a CGd emergency). Cost...\$59.95. Details to follow.

Sunday Brunch, looking at the Wilshire Country Club. Tentative dates are:  
September 11 and 25. Rochelle has contacted the last speaker, who was well received by all, and he's available except in August. Ron and Marilyn will spearhead the arrangements for this.

SeaBee Museum Tour - Rafael mentioned that the above.. coming in both the summer and Fall he felt would be enough for the year.. so to postpone this. The Board agreed.

Board meeting places: Michael reported that he had been in contact with West Hollywood officials regarding the use of their facilities at Plummer Park. Their response was that the city charges for the use of these facilities. Ron stated that his place was available, and Marilyn has also said her home would also be again available. The Board decided that their next meeting would be at Ron's.

The next meeting of the Board was set for Saturday, July 16 at Ron Dutton's home...at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

/s/ Ronald Dutton,  
Acting Executive Secretary.